

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION, f/k/a U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS GROUP	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-49
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ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

(Issued November 3, 2000)

On September 1, 2000, Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., and Premier Communications Group filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On September 8, 2000, the Board issued an order identifying the proceeding as Docket No. NIA-00-49 and allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement if it finds either (1) the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed agreement does not

discriminate against any other carrier and it is not inconsistent with the public interest and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The negotiated interconnection agreement filed on September 1, 2000, by Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., and Premier Communications Group is approved to be effective upon issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3rd day of November, 2000.